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AIR FREIGHT UP 16.4% IN 1988 AND 14.6% IN DECEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 24, 1988 -- Air freight was up 16.4 percent in 1988 and 14.6 percent in December for the 22 airlines reporting cargo data to the Air Transport Association.

Domestic air freight in 1988 registered a gain of 12.7 percent. The air transportation of mail increased 3.1 percent. Total cargo, including freight and mail, rose 10.5 percent.

International air freight of the U.S. carriers last year was up 20.5 percent. Mail rose 3.1 percent, and total cargo had a gain of 18.7 percent.

In December, domestic air freight increased 10.2 percent. Mail was up 3.5 percent, and total cargo rose 8.3 percent.

December international air freight traffic of U.S. carriers had a gain of 19.7 percent. Mail was up 2.9 percent, and total cargo rose 17.2 percent.

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CARGO FLOWN IN SCHEDULED DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

U.S. AIRLINE INDUSTRY

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

	DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
DECEMBER 1988	420,746	163,900	584,646	397,317	59,179	456,496	818,063	1,041,142
DECEMBER 1987	381,642	158,404	540,046	332,051	57,488	389,539	713,693	929,585
PERCENT CHANGE	10.2	3.5	8.3	19.7	2.9	17.2	14.6	12.0
12 MONTHS 1988	4,832,867	1,325,481	6,158,348	4,534,062	451,753	4,985,815	9,366,929	11,144,163
12 MONTHS 1987	4,289,156	1,285,578	5,574,734	3,761,456	438,059	4,199,515	8,050,612	9,774,249
PERCENT CHANGE	12.7	3.1	10.5	20.5	3.1	18.7	16.4	14.0

NOTE: Carriers included: AirCal, Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Jet America, Northwest, Pan American, Piedmont, PSA, Southwest, TranStar, Trans World, United, USAir and Western.